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The Wise Virgin

The phrase "it takes as long for you to get back; as it took for you to get there" resonates with the timeless wisdom of patience and preparedness. It echoes the sentiments found in the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins from the Bible, particularly in Matthew 25:1-13. This parable is a profound lesson in readiness and the importance of being prepared for unforeseen circumstances. It tells the story of ten virgins who await the arrival of the bridegroom; five are wise and bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other five are foolish and do not. The wise virgins are prepared for the bridegroom's delay, ensuring they have enough oil

to last through the night. This preparation symbolizes the foresight and diligence required to face the uncertainties of the future. The foolish virgins, on the other hand, expect the bridegroom to arrive soon and make no provision for a delay. When the bridegroom finally arrives, the unprepared virgins are left in the dark, scrambling to find oil, while the wise virgins join the bridegroom, having their lamps lit and ready. The moral of the story is clear: one must always be prepared, for the timing of critical events is often uncertain. Just as it took time for the virgins to get to their meeting place, it took the same amount of time for the bridegroom to arrive, and only those who were ready could join him. This parable serves

as a metaphor for many of life's situations where the journey back can be as long and demanding as the journey there, emphasizing the need for constant vigilance and preparedness.